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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed October 28, 2005, said period of response being extended from January 28, 2006 to April 28, 2006.

Our check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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